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- On 27 May 1952, the SMV Purchasing Office received the following written order from SMV Headquarters, Vienna, Kanngasse, which was relayed to all SMV sections:
 - The SMV Purchasing Office is to stop all buying from either USIA or non-USIA firms.
 - Goods on order for the Purchasing Office will not be accepted and no payments will be made for them.
 - Urgently needed material like chemicals, oil well cement and drilling equipment can be released to the oil fields only with permission of SMV headquarters.*
- Excepted from the order prohibiting all purchasing are only the motor pools 1 and 2 which were given petty cash for vehicle repairs and the procurement of spare parts, and the G. Rumpel A.G. of Siebenbrunn which received petty cash for necessary motor repairs and for diesel jet production.
- The Muehlberg oilfield was ordered to cease all work except the maintenance of producing wells. The Kiederling refinery was ordered to stop operating on 30 May. Both orders are now in effect although no dismissals have been reported as yet.
- No purchasing office vehicles are in use now. The only purchasing office employees having any work are those concerned with pipe imports from the USSR and with other imports from satellite states.
- The Soviet purchasing director, Voronin, is turning back unpaid all SMV creditors who are lining up at the Purchasing Office for pay.

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6. The Purchasing Office will be reorganized as follows:
 - a. The transportation section, responsible for all imports from East or West, will remain in Vienna;
 - b. A section for purchasing from the East will be organized in Vienna;
 - c. A section at Prottes or Neusiedl will buy directly for the oilfields;
 - d. A section to supply materials and equipment for the refineries.**
7. It is believed the following installations will shut down in a few days:
 - a. The refineries at Moosbierbaum, Voersendorf, Okeros (Stockeran) and Korneuburg.
 - b. The Neusiedl Field office and the Aderklaa experimental drilling office.
 - c. The Bau- und Montage, seismographic, karandage and well repair sections.
8. The following installations will probably continue to operate, possibly on a reduced scale: The Lohau and Nova-Denow refineries, the Seb-Neusiedl and Matzen oilfields and the office for geological test drilling.
9. The SMV central warehouse at Neusiedl is operating normally but the warehouse manager Viktor Peikert and the works councillor are unable to persuade Voronin to pay the warehouse workers overtime due on 30 May. Voronin told Peikert to pay them from his own pocket. Voronin also stated that the Austrians cannot now visit the SMV rest house since the SMV refuses to stand the expenses.

* Comment: 45 carloads of cement at the Neusiedl warehouse have not yet been unloaded.

** Comment: The division of duties between these four sections is not clear.

Comment: Information contained in paragraphs 5-7 are based on Voronin's "hysterical statements" after reading the order from SMV Headquarters. It is believed that such drastic changes could be ordered by Moscow only and not by Vienna SMV officials. The Soviets are apparently curbing SMV investments and are putting the SMV on a day-to-day basis in the event that the Soviet would have to withdraw suddenly.

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Comment: There appears to be no sound basis for the changes ordered by SMV headquarters are possibly connected with Soviet plans for sudden withdrawal from Austria. It is much more likely that the report indicates a reorganization of the SMV or financial difficulties.

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